



The NUUS

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The path of DELIGHT

MINISTRY MATTERS

BY SARA HAYMAN

Dear Beloveds,

It's June and today it feels like summer...tomorrow may be a different story!

This month, I look forward to seeing and welcoming many of you back to Maine for what I hope and trust will be a beautiful summer season together.

This NUUS is chock-full of invitations to join in the fun and fellowship of this congregation. From our third and final 3-Church Worship Service of the year hosted at our Belfast UU Church on June 4th at 10am, to this year's spectacular Yardsale Fundraiser happening back at the church on Saturday, June 17th from 8am-2pm, to several new summer invitations, including Shamanic Drumming and a monthly Midweek Garden Potluck Gathering, there's something for everyone! Come and be nourished body and soul in community.

With love and gratitude for your presence in our many circles,
Rev. Sara

Click image to right to view a short video by Rev. Sara



June UUCE happenings:

- 3-Church Service & Potluck in Belfast - 6/4
- Celebration of Life for Sue Clark - 6/5
- Stories from the Heart - 6/11
- Yard Sale - 6/17
- Church Hike - 6/18
- Shamanic Journey - 6/22
- Garden Potluck & Play - 6/29 & more...

Celebrating the sacred, we gather in loving community to nourish souls and live justice into the world.





JUNE WORSHIP SERVICES

10:30 A.M.

3-CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING MULTI-PLATFORM WORSHIP SERVICE

Hosted in-person only at the BELFAST UU CHURCH AT 10AM!

Pick-Up Choir Practice before worship at 9am (in-person) at Belfast UU, 27 Miller Street!

Potluck-Picnic on the lawn outside UU Church of Belfast after Worship!

Come in-person or join on ZOOM

6/4 Worship Service Zoom
Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814>
Meeting ID: 469 537 6814
Phone: 646-558-8656

* Sunday, June 4

Eternal and Never the Same: Reflections on Coming Together and Falling Apart in this Pandemic Age

Rev. Amy Fiorilli, Worship Leader &
Revs. Margaret Beckman & Sara Hayman,
Worship Associates

As this church year begins to close, we come together once again as three congregations, unique in our way and yet One in Unitarian Universalism, One in our understanding of interdependence and connection. Your ministers have been spending time reflecting on what it has meant to lead a faith community during these past few years, and what it means to be a person, a helper, a partner, a lover, a friend. We have been called to ask ourselves what has proven itself to be eternal and what will never be the same? How are we coming together? How are we falling apart? What is the most important thing? How has the way we make decisions changed or remained the same? Let us gather as One to sing, to pray, to question, and to explore these questions together.

** UU Church of Belfast is a masks-optional space.*

* Sunday, June 11

And now I become myself...

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader
Karen Volckhausen, Worship Associate

*Stories from the Heart at 9am w/ Helen Kazura on ZOOM!
R.E. Class today! Special Music & Singing with Suzanne Aubrey!
Plate Split Sunday to benefit Wabanki Public Health & Wellness!*

6/11 Worship Service
Zoom Meeting: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97897090666?pwd=alJOSWNNQXA1MUIub3B2NS92OWMwQT09>
Meeting ID: 978 9709 0666
Password: 600050
Phone: 646-558-8656

Our UU faith affirms the worth and dignity of all people! Self-acceptance, we know, requires our commitment to spiritual growth and the support and affirmation of others in loving community. On this Ellsworth PRIDE Sunday, in stories shared, songs, special music by Suzanne Aubrey and silence, we'll celebrate the courage and beauty of people who dare to be their most authentic and loving selves, especially those of us who identify as LGBTQI+!

Sunday, June 18

**A Beautiful Sight & Sound to Behold:
UUCE's Annual Flower Communion Service**

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader
Jill Jeude, Worship Associate

6/18 Worship Service Zoom
Meeting: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93754971454?pwd=bTdXQnFBUU01Rk5wYWVpcEgrWTdQZz09>
Meeting ID: 937 5497 1454
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Phone: 646-558-8656

*MULTIGENERATIONAL SERVICE! SPECIAL MUSIC W/ BIG MOOSE BAND!
Ice-Cream Social during Coffee Hour!*

On Father's Day Sunday, drawing inspiration from our Unitarian forefather Norbert Capek's vision of a Flower Ceremony, we'll celebrate Flower Communion and name our gratitude for the many, diverse gifts you share in this beloved faith community! Special Music today from members of The Big Moose Band!

Ways to help us celebrate Flower Communion: 1) If you're participating in worship on ZOOM, please send a photo of YOU with a FLOWER(S) or ONLY A FLOWER to Suzanne Aubrey by Saturday, June 17th at 12pm (suzanneaubrey57@gmail.com or text 207-272-7008), or 2) If you're going to be in-person for worship, please bring a cut flower(s) to add to the bouquet we'll create and exchange with each other.

10:00AM COFFEE HOUR BEFORE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORSHIP SERVICE

Watch Party for G.A. Worship Service in the Sanctuary from 11am-12:30pm

Sunday, June 25

**Sunday Morning Worship with the
2023 UUA General Assembly**

Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Worship Leader

No RE Classes!

This Sunday, we'll have coffee hour in-person BEFORE worship at 10:00am, and then gather together in the sanctuary to live-stream this year's annual UUA General Assembly Sunday Morning Worship Service from Pittsburgh, PA at 11am. Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Senior Minister of the First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI is leading this worship service. Come, and be part of this shared experience with hundreds of other UUs!

If you prefer to watch from your home, you can stream this worship service from the UUA website. The week prior to this service, we'll share more detailed information about how to do that in the e-news and weekend reminders that go out.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This is the beginning of my third month now as REC for this amazing congregation. We have been through so much in such a short time. Several loses, some additions, landscaping, heater maintenance, and you have even let me back in the pulpit with the lovely Rev. Sara. To put it succinctly it has been a delight.

Delight is the theme for the coming month of June, and I urge everyone, RE Families, Congregates, Friends, to embrace what delights them in this world. Take time this month to do some self-reflection and to find genuine delight in your life. Reread your favorite book. Dance to your favorite song. Hike your favorite trail. Indulge in your favorite dessert. Live in the here and now and relish in the joy and delight it brings to you.

Isaac Asimov is quoted as saying “The true delight is in the finding out, rather than the knowing”. Take this to heart over the course of the month and spend time on yourself. Do you even know what your favorite book is? And if not than why not? The 4th UU principle is the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. That includes truth and meaning within yourself. You are never too old for self-discovery. You are never too young to know what you like and don’t like. Let time stand still this month and embrace delight for what it is, Joy. Find the joy within yourself, within others, and share the joy you are creating with the community here that holds space for you and loves you.

Brightest Blessings to you all,
Charles A Betancourt, Religious Exploration Coordinator



Celebration of Life

for **SUE CLARK**

Monday, June 5th at 1pm

at the UU Church of Ellsworth

Reception to follow in Community Room

PLEASE WEAR BRIGHT COLORS!!!!

ZOOM INVITE: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94504565158>

MEETING ID: 945 0456 5158

PHONE: 646 876 9923



All are welcome and we hope you will choose to come and celebrate the life of beloved long-time member, Sue Clark, on Monday, June 5th at 1pm. Bill Clark and Sue's children and grandchildren will be there. In Sue's honor (and at her request), please wear bright, cheerful colors!

Many thanks to all who are helping, including Kay Hanson and our Pastoral Care Ministry members with hosting the reception, Suzanne Aubrey with creating Power Point slides, Holly Hendricks in the TECH Booth and Haydee Foreman as ZOOM host. Many thanks, too, to those making food and helping with greeting, set up and clean-up. Linda & Eric Uberseder, Doug Bird and Betty Massie helped set up Sue's artwork in the Community Room!



YARD SALE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17
8AM-2PM!**

June is lupine month in Downeast Maine and as the old saying goes, “If the lupines are here, the UUCE yard sale isn’t far behind!”

Our beloved, team-building, laugh-lots, have-fun, best-in-the-area NAME-YOUR-OWN-PRICE* yard sale is fast approaching! Mark your calendars for JUNE 17 (and the 14th-16th).

We are **BACK TO UUCE** for the yard sale! We will be indoors (no dagnabbit tarps to pull over our merchandise!) and we will set up the various rooms in the church like rooms in your house - kitchen, garage, clothes closets, etc. 🤔

We’ve got LOTS of opportunities for you to come join the fun. Come for a couple hours, come for a half-day, come before &/or after you run some errands - we can use your help for as long or as short as you’ve got.

Wed, 6/14, noon - 6pm - move stuff from the Annex (old L&F building) to UUCE

Thur, 6/15, 8am - 6pm - yard sale set up

Fri, 6/16, 8am - 6pm - yard sale set up

Sat, 6/17, 8am - 2pm - YARD SALE!!

Sat, 6/17, 2 - 4pm - magic crew - make the yard sale disappear! Run stuff to Goodwill and put the church back in “church order.” Can we beat our previous record of 2 hours??

There’s still time to gather up your stuff that’s just collecting dust in your home and we’ll find it a happy new home! Those clothes that “shrank” over the winter? We’ll take ‘em! Those kitchen gadgets that just never quite worked like you thought they would? We’ll take ‘em! Books? We’ll take ‘em! Furniture? We’ll take it! As a matter of fact, we’ll take anything you’ve got, as long as it’s CLEAN and IN GOOD WORKING ORDER (except old tube TVs and large exercise equipment).

To get your donations to the yard sale:

Bring them to UUCE on Wed, 6/14, noon - 6pm OR

Bring them to UUCE on Sun, 6/11 and we’ll find space for them after the service OR

Bring them to UUCE on any Tues (9am-noon) or Wed (10am-3pm) when Ellen is in the office and she can get you the key to the Annex (old L&F building) OR

If none of those times work for you, contact Pepper (207-610-4070) and you can work something out.

*This year most everything will again be NAME YOUR OWN PRICE, but we will have some big-ticket items that will be priced.

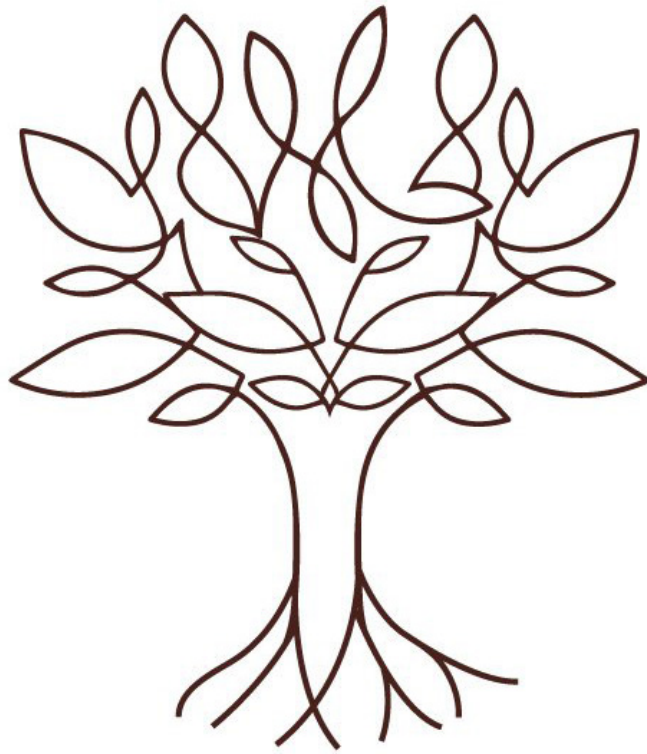


MID-WEEK POTLUCK GARDEN DINNER PARTIES & PLAY

Come, Be a Part of this Summertime Fellowship & Fun!

**3 Thursdays with Rev. Sara:
June 29th, July 6th, August 17th
from 5-7pm at UUCE**

As part of dreaming up new ways to re-connect and enjoy and savor this season together, Rev. Sara invites you to mark these three Thursdays on your calendar now! Plan to come and share a potluck meal and join in some fun multi-generational invitation to play together. Bring your favorite summer salad or something sweet or savory to share, and we'll break bread together and be nourished body and soul. All ages and all abilities are welcome!



ROOTS HOLD ME CLOSE: **Grounding Ourselves & Growing Our Souls**

**A 4-Session, In-Person Spiritual Deepening Class
with Rev. Sara on Wednesday Evenings in August:
August 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th
from 6:30-8pm at UUCE**

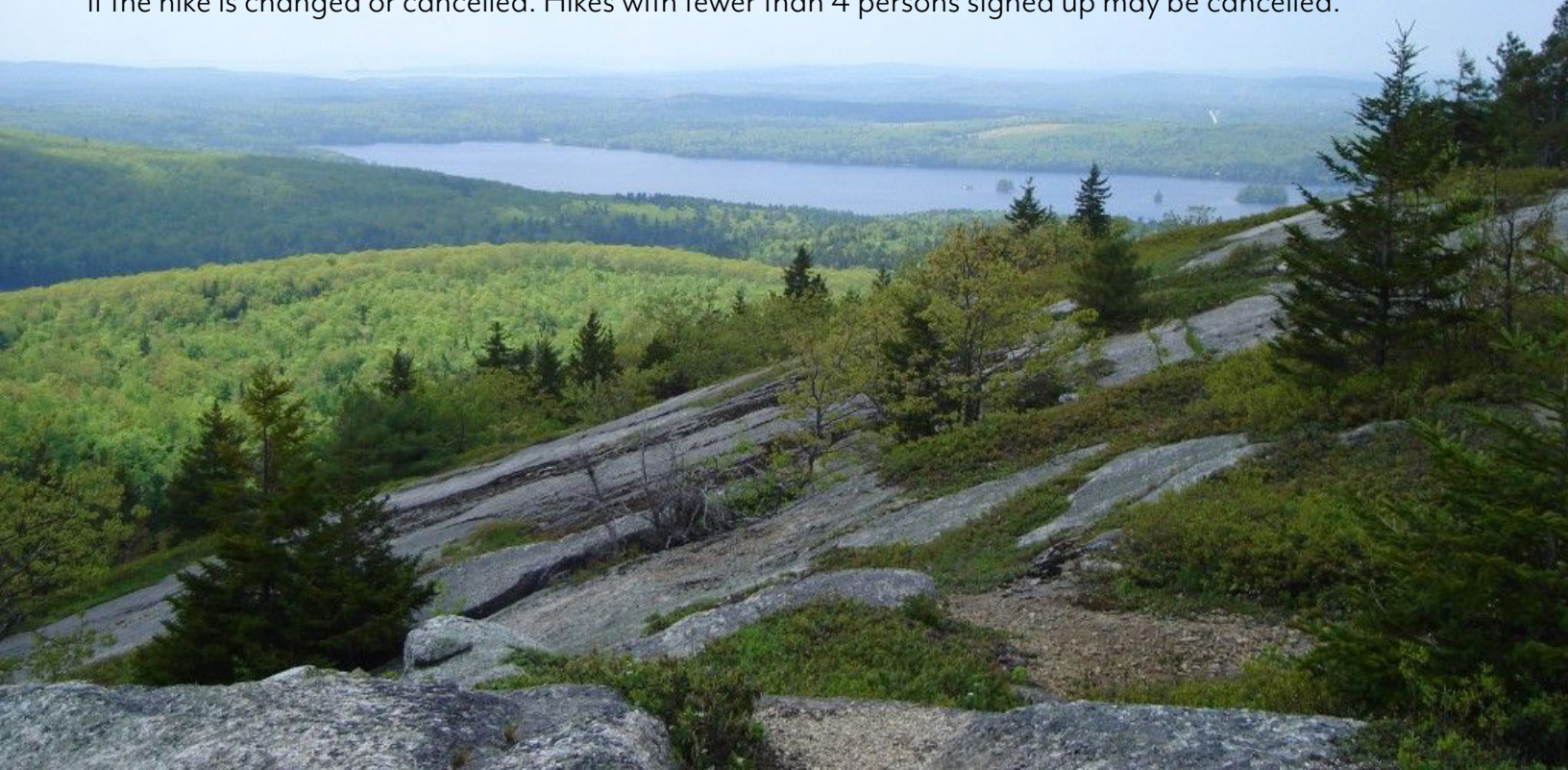
Registration by August 1st required. (To register email, Ellen at uucellsworth@gmail.com)
A minimum of 8 people must be registered for this class to happen. A maximum of 12
people can participate. Attendance at all 4 classes strongly encouraged.

I'm still dreaming up the exact ground we'll cover and explore in this in-person, discussion-based spiritual deepening class. There will be homework invitations in advance of each class, including articles or excerpts of books to read, brief videos to watch and writing prompts to explore in your journal. Together in class, we'll listen deeply to one another and share our respective journeys of self-discovery.

CHURCH HIKE: SUNDAY JUNE 18 4:00PM GREAT POND MOUNTAIN, ORLAND

One of Rev Sara's Faves – this 2.8-mile out-and-back trail offers a gradual incline to the summit generally considered a moderately challenging route. Meet at the trailhead 70 Don Fish Trail, Orland.

Important – RSVP Mary Murray marydmurray@comcast.net or text 239-699-0150. You will be notified if the hike is changed or cancelled. Hikes with fewer than 4 persons signed up may be cancelled.



SHAMANIC JOURNEY

JUNE 22 4-6 PM
UUCE Sanctuary

Experience the spiritual practice of shamanic journeys for healing, support, and inspiration accompanied by drumming. Bring a frame drum or rattle if you would like join in the drumming. Bring a stone, flower, shell or other natural object from your home to place on the altar. Linda Laing, Evelyn Foster and Mary Murray will lead this event. Contact Mary marydmurray@comcast.net 239-699-0150 if you have questions. We will meet indoors at the church.



Moral Poverty Action Congress, June 19-22, 2023 in Washington DC!

The gathering will bring together hundreds of poor and low-income people, clergy, faith leaders, social justice advocates, and activists from across the country to Washington, DC for a Moral Poverty Action Congress. UUs are invited to join the PPC: NCMR community, for this learning and action event. Registration is \$300/person, which includes food, Congress activities, and registration materials. The registration deadline is Friday, May 26, 2023.

June 11th from 11:30 am - 4pm Pride Fest at Knowlton Park in Ellsworth

Ellsworth PRIDE volunteers are planning the third annual PrideFest. PrideFest 2023 is a free, family-friendly event that will take place on Sunday, June 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Knowlton Park. Headlining the festival will be the Curbside Queens. Warming up the stage will be The Wayside, an Ellsworth-based band, and Midnight Rose, of Hermon. GiGi Gabor of Curbside Queens and Rachel Yves, an Ellsworth Pride volunteer, will emcee the event. Familiar food trucks and vendors will be at the park with refreshments for sale. Local LGBTQIA+ community members will have the chance to mingle and build connections as well as enjoy music and personalities on stage. For more information, visit heartofellsworth.org/pride or email Ellsworth PRIDE at ellsworthprideme@gmail.com and follow Ellsworth PRIDE on Instagram and Facebook for the latest updates about the festival and other Pride Month events.

August 30 11am - 1pm. Cultural Connections in the Park: Talk and Storytelling with Dwayne Tomah, Passamaquoddy.

Sieur de Monts Spring, Acadia National Park. The Cultural Connections in the Park series occurs on select Wednesdays from June through September. Dwayne Tomah, Passamaquoddy, will be hosting a talk and storytelling program regarding his work with the Passamaquoddy wax cylinders, which are the earliest known field recordings of Native Americans. These recordings, preserved on wax cylinders in 1890, include Passamaquoddy narratives, vocabulary, number lists, and songs. The Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Library of Congress have worked on restoring, digitizing, and revitalizing these recordings as digital repatriation. All of these programs are sponsored by Dawnland, LLC, are offered in partnership with the Abbe Museum, and are free and open to the public.

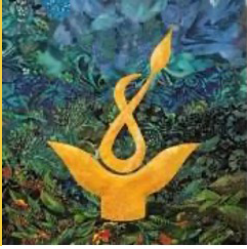
Hancock County Neighborhood Support Team (HCNST) is seeking volunteers to support Ukrainian refugee families on MDI. HCNST is a community-wide, church-based (but open to all), non-denominational effort to resettle refugees under a Federal Government Program. Their immediate need is for volunteers to work with a group of 5 to 10 to shepherd them through all of

the agencies and paperwork necessary to connect them with the benefits of the program. There are many other teams that they plan to form, and they welcome monetary donations as well. Contact Art Worster artworster@gmail.com or 908-619-3317 for more information.



**Want to learn how to become an effective advocate?
MUUSAN's Advocacy Toolkit is full of resources for giving testimony, writing letters to the editor, contacting your representatives and more.**

Visit PASA's web page to find resources and to learn more about ongoing peace and social action efforts.



8TH PRINCIPLE NEWS

Be on the lookout for a questionnaire/assessment from the 8th Principle Journey Task Force, a process to help us evaluate how we all are doing on our individual and group journeys to learn more about anti-racism, other oppressions and how we can work to become a more diverse, multi-cultural and beloved community that is actively engaged in anti-racist work.

Juneteenth commemoration. Attend and volunteer to set up tents for this year's Juneteenth celebration, weekend of June 17-19. A team of 6-7 people is needed to help set up 3 10x20 tents at Lamoine State Park on Sat. June 17, take them down on Mon., June 19. Team needed again to set up 1 tent at Knowlton Park on Mon. June 19 in the morning and take it down after 6 p.m. Volunteers also needed over the weekend to help prepare meals/food on Sat. and Sun.—Sun. afternoon in Loaves and Fishes kitchen. Other volunteer opportunities exist, talk to Jana.

MUSIC | ART | CULTURE | FOOD | INSPIRATION | FUN | CONNECTION

Juneteenth Downeast

2023 JUNETEENTH COMMEMORATION

Deepening Our Vital Connection to Nature and Each Other

FEATURING

CHIEF NZE (OSCAR OGUGUA MOKEME)

PIHCINTU MULTINATIONAL GIRLS' CHORUS 🎵

STREAM REGGAE 🎵

SPEAKERS

TONYA BAILEY-CURRY

JANINE "JG" GEORGETTE

JACQUES H. NEWELL TAYLOR

OUTRAGEOUSLY GOOD FREE FOOD!

MONDAY | JUNE 19
2 - 6 P.M.
KNOWLTON PARK*
ELLSWORTH
*RAIN LOCATION: MOORE COMMUNITY CENTER

FREE ADMISSION!
★★★★★
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Funded in part by a grant from The Maine Humanities Council as well as by the amazing generosity of individuals, businesses, and organizations in our community. Juneteenth Downeast is fiscally sponsored by Healthy Acadia. For a list of event partners and supporters, and to make a donation in support of this event, visit www.juneteenthdowneast.org.

BROADCASTING LIVE ON WERU COMMUNITY RADIO 89.9 FM AND AT WERU.ORG.
VIDEO STREAMING THROUGH JUNETEENTHDOWNEAST.ORG.

The 8th Principle Task Forces welcomes your involvement:

- **June UU General Assembly.** Learn [here](#) how our UUA bylaws language on our principles and sources may change at June's GA. Or volunteer to be the 4th and last delegate from UUCE. Rev. Sara, Haydée Foreman and Jana Robinson will attend from UUCE. It's still possible to register and attend virtually.
- **July 8 Malaga Island trip.** Let us know if you want to be on waiting list.

Contact Jana Robinson, janasmith.robinson@outlook.com, or call 207-347-9008 and leave message.

I SAW MY FIRST LUPINES...

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT
BETH PEPPER

Hello UUCE and thank you for electing me to serve as President of our Board of Trustees - I'm honored! I look forward to working with our 2023-24 BoT: Jill Jeude, VP; Allison Stevens, Treasurer; Bob Francis, Secretary; and our members-at-large: Kathy Hall, Tori Bell, and Doug Bird. I think we've got a great team to lead UUCE!



Thank you to our "retiring" BoT members who have completed their terms: Mary Murray, Sally Gervais, and 4-year President, Gary Shellehamer. I have some BIG shoes to fill* following in Gary's footsteps! Many, many thanks to Gary, Sally and Mary! (*when you see Gary, one of UUCE's pun masters, ask him what he told me when I told him I had big shoes to fill).

And YOU, you UUCE-ers, are all a bunch of rock stars! With your support, we met our stewardship goal of \$149,625! Way to go - and thank you lots!

I saw my first lupines today and you know the old saying, "If the lupines are here, the UUCE yard sale isn't far behind!" See the yard sale article for all the details of how you can help make this our best year EVER!

Besides seeing you this month at Sunday services (in person &/or on zoom) and as a part of Team Yard Sale '23, I hope to see you at our local Pride celebrations and Juneteenth events!

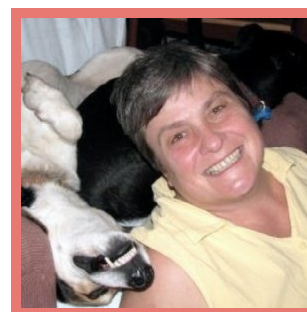
Lastly, I give heartfelt thanks to all of you who have put in the extra time, energy and LOVE putting together the numerous memorial services that we've done over the past 10 months. We've honored our members and surrounded their families with love in some of their most difficult times.




Stories FROM THE Heart



**Jude Lamb interviews
Helen Kazura,
June 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
on ZOOM.**





Wednesday Morning Matins
Zoom Invite:
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96669607701>
Meeting ID: 966 6960 7701
Phone: 646-876-9923

WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS at 8 am An Intimate Worship Gathering with Rev. Sara & Others


Are you longing for more intimate space to connect with others in our UUCE community? Do you enjoy poetry, music of all kinds, reading, silence and time for sharing in community? If so, please come! All are welcome to be a part of this ½ hour weekly, contemplative gathering on ZOOM where we companion each other with love and gratitude into the day.

I look forward to being in this circle with you!
Rev. Sara



UUCB ONLINE EVENING VESPERS is on break until mid-September 2023.

UUCB BULLETIN BOARD



**PROGRAMMING
OFFERINGS AND IDEAS
WELCOME!**

Congregational life is budding again and we are looking forward to opportunities to do things together once more. If you would like to offer a program, event or class or have ideas you would like to share please contact Mary Murray marydmurray comcast.net 239-699-0150 and she will see that your idea is shared with the folks who can make it happen.

In the UUCE Gardens





Wayne H. Smith
UUCE Historian

MARGERY (1928-2022) AND IRVING FORBES (1922-2008)

Margery Forbes was born Zella Margery Shrecengost on Sept. 14, 1928 in Roswell, New Mexico, the third child and only daughter of Darling Jacob Shrecengost, of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction, and Mary Zella Graves, of Texas, although her family was originally from North Carolina. Margery married Irving Forbes in 1964. Irving had been born Alexander Irving Forbes on Sept. 11, 1922 in Milton, Massachusetts, the third child and only son of Dr. Alexander Forbes, a well-known physiologist from Milton who later taught at Harvard. Dr. Forbes' grandfather was Ralph Waldo Emerson. Irving's mother was Charlotte Irving Grinnell, originally from Manhattan. Charlotte's great-grandfather, Ebenezer Sanders Irving, was a brother to the author Washington Irving.

Milton Academy in 1942. He immediately enlisted in the Navy and went all the way down to the South Pacific. He was always different from the other guys. He wasn't interested in sitting there and shooting crap and talking about all their exploits with women. That didn't interest him, but he did play the piano for the religious services. They finally ended up in the Solomon Islands. He was playing for a church service there when he succumbed to being baptized a Christian during the church service. Irving's father later wrote him a letter saying he had been informed by someone that this had happened, and he told Irving more about the Unitarian religion and his own beliefs. Irving later regretted that baptism, as he had been raised in the big Unitarian church in Milton.

After the war, Irving married his high school sweetheart, Ellen Fuller, in 1944. She had already started going to Oberlin College. They both went to Oberlin. He went one semester, and then left. When he came back, they got married. They were the first married couple in Oberlin College and they couldn't live on campus as students. He finished his bachelor's degree at Oberlin. They had four children: Alexander was the first, then Benjamin Channing (Ellen Fuller was related to the Channings), then Elizabeth Charlotte, and then Lawrence Irving Forbes.

After they married, Irving got a job in Colebrook, NH, the northernmost town in New Hampshire, right next to Canada. That was his first job. Then he got a job in Portsmouth, NH, and from there they went to Kittery, ME, which is right across the river. They bought a house in Kittery, and all four children grew up there.

In the meantime, Margery had started college at the New England Conservatory in Boston. After her graduation, she went on to get a Master's degree there.



Alexander Irving Forbes

Irving became involved with music while he was in high school at the Milton Academy. When he was 16, he used to go hear members of the Boston Symphony play and he got enamored with the bassoon. So he drove himself to New York, stayed

with his grandmother, went to all the pawn shops in New York, and finally came home with a bassoon. He had a bassoon teacher and he managed to get into a youth symphony which was funded by the government at that time. He graduated with great difficulty from



Margery Shrecengost graduating from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

She had gone to Tanglewood one summer and got enamored with chamber music, so that's what she did for her Master's recital. At some point, Margery married a man named Richard Bacon Johns and they had moved to Kittery Point. Irving

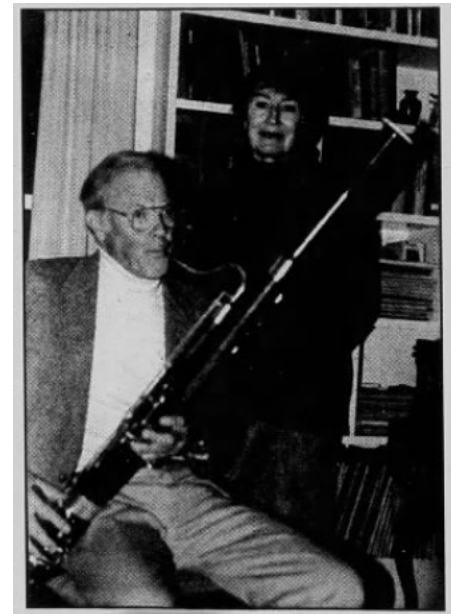
needed a piano accompanist, and Margery assumed that position. He was working on a Master's degree at Boston University, and he had to give a bassoon recital. He actually did the recital at the University of New Hampshire where he played a Vivaldi concerto with a small chamber orchestra. But BU insisted that he do a recital there, so Irving had Margery go down there as his accompanist and play in this recital, to which nobody came because he didn't really know anybody there. Well, his sister came, and his teacher, and so he did his recital at BU and got his Master's.

Irving began teaching at Philips Exeter Academy in 1959. He had been teaching in the public schools in Kittery, where he had all kinds of troubles. The principals were never rooting for the music department. He would try to have a glee club and they would have to meet at 7:00 in the morning because there was no space in the school program. He did create a men's group (a boys' choir) and he would take them down to Philips Exeter where they had a wonderful men's glee club, directed by Arthur Landers, just to expose them to good music. In 1959 Arthur said to him, "Why don't you apply for a job here?" So he applied and Landers hired him, but Ellen did not want to move to Exeter. By that time, they had grown apart and she wanted to get rid of him. During his first year or two at Philips Exeter, he commuted the 25 miles from Kittery Point to Exeter

nearly every day, and that grew pretty tiresome. In the meantime, Irving had gotten closer and closer to Margery, whose husband had decided he didn't want to be married and had left. Eventually both Irving and Margery divorced their spouses and years later, in 1964, Irving and Margery got married in Lincoln, New Mexico. After the marriage, Margery moved to Exeter, NH and became engaged in teaching piano privately. She and Irving became active in the Exeter Unitarian church and Irving became choir director "right off the bat."

When Irving was hired by Exeter Academy, he had to teach all of the band instruments, and he also directed the orchestra, which he loved. In 1965, Arthur Landers became incapacitated and Irving suddenly became chairman of the music department which was a pretty robust department. He also had to direct the men's glee club which eventually became co-ed, which pleased Irving because he could do four-part pieces. Irving worked at Philips Exeter for 28 years, from 1959 until he retired in June of 1987.

Margery and Irving moved to Maine in July of 1987 and Irving found their new home near Peters Cove on the East Blue Hill Road, not far from Harbor Island which his father had purchased back in the early 1900s. Irving and Margery immediately joined the Bagaduce Chorale and a woman whom they met there was a Christian Scientist who told them that they were looking for an organist for their church, so Irving volunteered to play the organ there for about six months. They then started attending the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth, joining about 1988, and fairly quickly Margery started serving a two-year stint as church pianist, which she did until Kathy



Irving and Margery at home in Blue Hill

Sikkema took over in the early 90s. Irving also began directing the UUCE choir which then consisted of Phil and Pam Person, Howard and Carol Glefke, and John and Evangeline Bicknell.

On Oct. 19, 1991, Irving and Margery led several church members on a hike along the Peters Brook Trail near their home. It was an auction items that they offered during the Goods and Services Auction that the church has continued to hold for years. As Margery explained: "It was a fundraiser, and he would take them out to Big Peters Brook. We live on Little Peters Brook, and then a little ways down you come to Big Peters Brook, which is now under the auspices of the Blue Hill Heritage Trust, so there's a sign there. And Irving would



Margery and her son Eben

take them up along the brook. I can't remember how far. There's a kind of a nice waterfall. And then they'd come back and we'd have lunch here, and that is what you'd bought."

In later years, Irving made a mark in local music by creating the Peters

Cove Mens' Chorus and also by leading the yearly "Messiah Sing" at the Blue Hill Congregational Church every December. After Irving died in 2008, their two sons, Douglas and Eben, and Douglas's two grandsons took Irving's ashes out to Harbor Island. There's another little island off that which Irving just loved called Baker Island. He had found a granite boulder there and carved his initials in it with his birthdate: 1922. So they took his ashes out in June of 2014 and buried them on that island.

Margery continued being active in musical affairs in Maine. In 2014 she made the decision to move to Massachusetts to be near her son Eben. She passed on Sept. 22, 2022 in Northampton.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM'S 6 SOURCES

The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

1. Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
2. Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
3. Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
4. Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
5. Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
6. Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM'S 7 PRINCIPLES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



UUCE'S AFFIRMATION OF COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this church,
and service its law;
this is our great covenant:
to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.

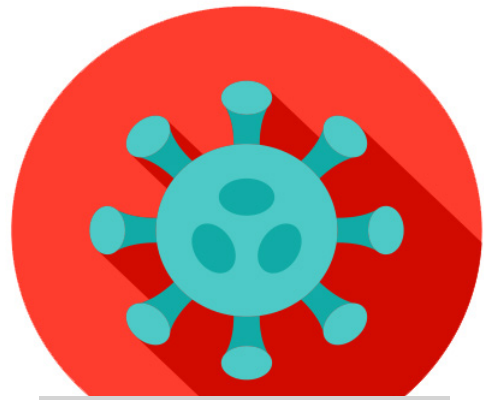
STAYING CONNECTED

UUCE OFFICE

Church Administrator Ellen Sedgwick is in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Support to Set-Up ZOOM Meetings for Church Gatherings

Ellen is able to schedule church-related ZOOM meetings. If you need to schedule a ZOOM meeting for your church purposes, please email her at office@uuellsworth.org or call the church at 207-667-4393 on Wednesdays or Thursdays when she's physically in the building, typically 11:00 a.m. to 3p.m. If your need is urgent and Ellen has not gotten back to you, please call, text or email Rev. Sara Hayman at 207-610-2872 or sara@uuellsworth.org. If possible, please give us several days notice to schedule these ZOOM meetings.



COVID-19 TASK FORCE

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UUCE PLATE SPLIT FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS:

April - June 2023

WABANAKI HEALTH AND WELLNESS -
working to maintain the overall well-being
of all Wabanaki people.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: Beth Pepper to 2025 (610-4070)	Vice President: Jill Jeude to 2025
Treasurer: Alison Stephens to 2024	Secretary: Bob Francis to 2024
Trustee: Tori Bell to 2026	Trustee: Kathy Hall to 2024
Trustee: Doug Bird to 2026	Moderator: John Fink

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE CHAIRS

Adult Committee on Education: vacant	Hospitality Ministry Coordinator: vacant
Aesthetics: Gary Shellehamer	Landscaping and Grounds: Bron Day
Annex (former L&F building): Kathy Hall	Membership: Liz True
Auction: vacant	NUUSletter Editor: Lisa Williams
Building & Maintenance/Safety: Susan Opdycke	Pastoral Care Ministry: Kay Hansen
Charitable Giving: Rev. Sara Hayman	Peace and Social Action: Barb Acosta
Choir: Haydée Foreman	Publicity: Susan Opdycke
Collaborative Ministry: inactive at this time	Children's Religious Education: Linda Uberseder
Committee on Ministry: Karen Volckhausen	Small Group Ministry: Mary Murray
Congregational Engagement: Evelyn Foster	Stewardship: Doug Bird
Cookie Walk: vacant	Ushers: Jon Thomas, Ken Hanson
Eggroll Project: vacant	Technology Coordinator: vacant
Ferry Beach Coordinator: vacant	Wayside Pulpit: Nancy Guy
Fiscal Matters: Connie Bailey	Website: vacant
Flowers: Bronwen Day	Worship Arts: vacant
Green Sanctuary: Paul Kelley	Yard Sale: Beth Pepper
History/Archives: Wayne Smith	Youth Advisor: vacant

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